

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 NEW DE 13105 301156Z

50

ACTION AID-59

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-07 TVA-01 AGR-05 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 COME-00 INT-05 GSA-01 IGA-01 L-03 SP-02

USIA-06 /108 W

----- 048402

P R 300900Z SEP 75

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1476

INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NEW DELHI 13105

ATTENTION: AID

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: EIND, IN

SUBJ: MINING AND PHOSPHATE CORPORATION

REF: STATE 222186

1. NO WTDR OR OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MINING AND PHOSPHATE CORPORATION. IT IS NOT LISTED IN LOCALLY AVAILABLE TRADE DIRECTORIES AND NOT KNOWN TO INDIAN MINING FEDERATION OR GOI'S PYRITES, PHOSPHATES AND CHEMICALS, LTD., CALCUTTA PURCHASE DEPARTMENT.

2. CONGEN CALCUTTA REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO A LEADING EXPORTER OF MINERALS IN CALCUTTA, SINHA, WHO HAD LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES, ACQUIRED LEASE FOR LOW-GRADE ROCK PHOSPHATE MINING IN THE SINGHBHUM DISTRICT, BIHAR FROM THE DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, JAMSMNDPUR, A BIHAR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. (THE AREA LEASED IS CLOSE TO THE CAVTIVE LOW-GRADE ROCK PHOSPHATE MINES OF TISCO AND IISCO.) THE LEASE WAS CANCELLED TWO YEARS AGO, AND ALTHOUGH SINHA APPEALED, THE DISTRICT
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 NEW DE 13105 301156Z

MINING OFFICER TOOK POSSESSION OF PROPERTY. DURING HIS

LEASE SINHA NEVER OPERATED MINES.

3. SINHA CALLED AT EMBASSY IN JULY AND WAS DISCOURAGED FROM VISITING US UNTIL HE PROVIDED MORE INFORMATION ON HIMSELF, HIS COMPANY AND THE DEPOSITS. HE DIDNOT DO SO.

4. ACCORDING TO PAMPHLET PUBLISHED IN 1 2 BY FERTILIZER ASSOCIATION OF INDIA ENTITLED, "INDIAN PHOSPHATE ROCK AND ITS UTILIZATION." SINGHBHAUM DISTRICT IS THE MAIN REGION IN BIHAR STATE WHERE PHOSPHATE ROCK (APATITE) DEPOSITS ARE LOCATED. ACCORDING TO THE GOI, INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES, THE EXPLOITABLE APATITE RESERVES IN THIS AREA ARE OF THE ORDER OF ONE MILLION METRIC TONS OF 15.48 PERCENT P2O5 GRADE.

5. THE SAME PAMPHLET GOES ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT MINING AND PHOSPHATE COMPANY, HAD ESTIMATED THAT ITAGARH (ONE OF THE LOCATIONS IN THE SINGHBHAUM DISTRICT) ALONE HAS ABOUT 10 MILLION METRIC TONS OF HIGH QUALITY PHOSPHATE ROCK. THE ORE OF THE SINGHBHAUM DISTRICT HAS MAGNETITE, QUART, FELDSPAR AND OTHER FERRO-MAGNESIUM MINERALS AS GANGUE MATERIALS AND CONTAINS 20 TO 35 PERCENT OF P2O5. IT HAS HIGH CONTENT OF IRON, VARYING FROM 5 TO 15 PERCENT. ANALYSIS OF APATITE FROM ITAGARH AREA IN SINGHBHAUM DISTRICT AS DONE BY INDUSTRIAL TESTING AND ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, BOMBAY (ITALAB) IS AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTITUENT	PERCENTAGE
MOISTURE AT 105 DEGREE C	0.50
P2O5	30.74
CAO	39.22
AIO2	13TR
MGO	2.00
A12O3	4.26
FE2O3	5.31
F	2.00

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 NEW DE 13105 301156Z

C1	0.06	
TIO2	0.30	
MNO	0.10	
SO3	0.10	
CO2	0.19	
COMBINED WATER	1.07	
WATER SOLUBLE P2O5	0.01	
CITRATE SOLUBLE P2O5	NIL	

WATER INSOLUBLE P2O5 30.12

6. BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, WE SEE NO REASON
TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER AT THIS TIME.
SCHNEIDER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MINING INDUSTRY, BUSINESS FIRMS, LEASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ellisoob
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NEWDE13105
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750338-0503
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975091/aaaaaans.tel
Line Count: 120
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AID
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 222186
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 AUG 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <24 NOV 2003 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MINING AND PHOSPHATE CORPORATION
TAGS: EIND, IN, MINING & PHOSPHATE CORPORATION
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006